WANT REPEAL OF ALL FRANCHISES.

North Side Citizens Approve Pro- Indignation Meeting at Central Y. posal to Revoke Grants to Transit Company.

Committee of Fifteen Is Appointed to Act With Delegations From South and West St. Louis.

North St. Louis citizens met last night at Pinochle Hall, No. 1412 Wright street, to bear a discussion of grievances against the St. Louis Transit Company, which, it is said, has been particularly indifferent to the convenience of residents of that section of

The speakers without exception advocated the repeal of all existing franchises, not. they insisted, as a retaliatory measure, but as a means of securing, in a new franchise, a uniform and more effective service.

James Clausen was chosen chalrman of the meeting, and spoke briefly before in-troducing the other speakers. He said that the movement of which last night's meeting was a public expression, was not intended to deprive the St. Louis Transit Company of its rights, but to protect the rights of the public, which had created the Transit Company, and which looked to the company to

pany, and which looked to the company to perform its duties in the manner that a monopoly of the city's highways require. Judge H. A. Yonge, who followed Mr. clausen, declared in the address that the Transit Company might attribute the public indignation now aroused against it more to its disregard of human life than its indifference to the people's rights. He said that as the Transit Company enjoyed the most valuable street railway tranchise in the United States, it should repay the city's generous grant by the best service in the United States. A monopoly of the means of transportation, he said, should carry with it the duty of providing the largest accommodations for passengers that its vast capital could give, a proper respect for the rights of the citizens who permitted the monopoly, and the highest regard for the lives and limbs of the public. Quotes from Ordinances.

Judge Young quoted paragraph II, of section Ds, of the city's Charter in support of his contention that the legislative department of St. Leuis has power to make regulations governing the operation of a street railway within the city limits. The section which he quoted, he said, empowered the city to amend or repeal railway franchises, and in dictate the hours during which the company may operate its cars; to declare how many and what kind of cars should be run and the frequency of their trips over the several limes. Quotes from Ordinances.

the several lines.

The reading of the provision in the City Charter, with which he closed his remarks. or Chambers reiterated his demands repeal of all franchises under which company is now operating, if reason, he said, than to secure the next franchise granted to the Trans-Company, or a new corporation, a uni-In referring to the crowded condition of the type he asserted that if cattle were treated by the manner which has become common on Transit cars, the Humane Society would intervene to prosecute the guitty persons for

hitervene to prosecute the gulity persons for cruelty.

W. N. Miller, the last speaker counseled against violence in attempting to secure receives of wrongs suffered at the hands of the Transit Company. He said there are legal remedies which could be found, and which, he declared, would adequately meet the present conditions.

Chairman Clausen appointed a committee of different residents of the North Side to act in conjunction with like bodies from other parts of the city in seeking redress from the City Council. The gentlemen composing the coundittee are: C. H. Osterwisch, chairman, H. A. Fostermann, secretary; W. N. Miller, Joseph H. Kleine, J. L. Nevergool, L. Landzettel, Frank Killian, Thomas Finnigan, Frederick Rassieur, Doctor Edward C. Ellerbrock, H. Gleselmann, J. Stromberg, Edward Zwetke, Charles Graf and Henry W. Becker.

Resolutions Adopted.

Whereas The St. Leads Transit Company has vibilited every oledge and every law within supports its carbons franchises, and has mistreated not only the public, but has reduced the number of its cars and increased the rate of speed to a dangerous point, and. Whereas, it has been considered essential for the Mayor of our city to send a special spessage to the City Council and House of Delegates to smart have that will correct these abuses; therefore, the it resolved. That this assemble of citizens of North St. Leads around a fifteen of our citizens of North St. Leads around a fifteen of our citizens to meet and act with like committees to demand that these abuses be corrected; and. Be it further resolved. That this committee require that the franchises be repealed as the first necessary step, and.

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LUMBER DEAL IN BEAUMONT. Several Plants Transferred and

\$3,500,000 Changes Hands.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 2.-One of the biggest deals over consummated in the history which the Kirby Lumber Company, a concarn with a capital of \$10,000,000, to-day took over the plants and timber holdings of the Reliance Lumber Company, the Texas Tram and Lumber Company, including the VIIlage Mill Company, the Beaumont Lumber Company and the Adams Mills at Call,

posits of two Beaumont banks were swelled about \$8,500,000, and to-day the newly received funds were transferred to the credit of the various concerns purchased by the Kirby Lumber Company.

While Mr. Kirby is giving out nothing re-garding the plans of his company, it is krown that very few changes will be made the operating and business departments of the various mills.

BARTENDER OPENED THE SAFE. Frankel Succeeded After Experts

Gus Frankel, a bartender in a saloon at Pwelfth street and Clark avenue, yesterday opened a large fron safe in Marshal Scul-In's office after two safe experts had rked on it for an hour drilling holes be-

worked on it for an hour drilling holes beside the combination.

Randolph Scullin, son and Chief Deputy of the Marshal, went on a hunting trip last week to be gone several weeks. When he departed he gave his father a written memorandum of the combination of the safe.

When Mr. Sculin went down to the office yesterday to open the safe to get out the money to make his quarterly report to the City Treasurer he found that he had lost the combination. After working about an hour he gave it mas a had job and called in two experts. They drilled holes in the door until nearly 2 o'clock, when Frankel yolunteered to open the safe, and the two professionals gave each other the wink as they stepped back to give him room. After a few turns at the dial knob the doors ewing open and the Marshal took out his \$2,000 for his report and left for the City Hail, while the experts remained in the office stopping up the holes they had drilled. fall, while the experts remained in the fice stopping up the holes they had drilled.

REVOKED COMPANY'S LICENSE,

National Aid Association is Barred From Yebraska.
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2-State Auditor
Weston announced to-day that he had revoked the license of the National Aid As-

FRANCHISE REPEAL.

M. C. A. Hall Develops a Lively Debate.

WILL ASK COUNCIL'S SUPPORT. CONSERVATIVES CARRY POINT.

Committee Appointed to Ask the Municipal Assembly for Legal Action to Improve Street Car Service.

West End citizens who met at the Cer-

tral Y. M. C. A. Hall last night to voice their grievances against the Transit Company balked at a resolution demanding the repeal of the company's franchise as a means for improving the street car service The debate lasted until after II o'clock Charles Messmer of South St. Louis, George W. Fuller of North Sixth street and Doctor J. E. Chambers of North Eighth street argued and pleaded for the adoption of the solution, which had been offered by Charles Leonard. But the sentiment was so strong against the repeal idea that a compremise was effected by appointing a committee to wait on the Municipal Assembly this afternoon and ask for legislation that will effectually remedy conditions which

now cause complaint.

A. Wackman presided and W. L. C. Brey was elected secretary. Doctor J. J. Kane spoke briefly, saying that he believed the Mayor, Councilmen and Delegates to be just men who are inclined to do what is right for the protection and benefit of the

people. He said that the gathering was nonparitisan, one made up of men desiring to protect the health and lives of the women and children of St. Louis. Attorney Louis A. Steber talked dispas-sionately of the rights involved in the granting of franchises and what the citizens may justly expect from a street car

erporation. Thomas Hostetter, who said that he had been a citizen of St. Louis sixty years, teld of some of his experiences with the Tran-sit Company. Charles Messmer related difficulties of travel in South St. Louis. A. F. Harrison read a printed argument, which he said had been published in defense of the Transit Company. Then the chairman announced that time for resolutions had ar-

Objections Immediately Offered. Charles Leonard offered resolutions similar to those presented to a similar meeting in North St. Louis, and moved their adoption, Mr. Steber, Mr. Hostetter, Mr. Wackman, Harold P. Wyman and several others in the audience immediately objected to such a realign near the resolution of the to such a radical measure as repeal of the

to such a radical measure as repeal of the franchises. Doctor Chambers arrived just them with a delegation from the North St. Louis meeting, and he was asked to explain in detail what he desired. After he had closed Mr. Steber said:

"To repeal the franchises would take away the right of the company to run its cars over the streets. The Mayor has no right to issue a permit to any company to operate street cars. That polat has been decided by the courts, and is not open to argument. Then, while the Municipal Assembly would be preparing a new franchise, the cars would have to stay in the theds, We cannot afford to bring about any such condition.

ruch condition.

"Even if another company should be ready to accept a franchise, it would have no right to use the tracks of the Transit Company. If it should attempt to do anything of the kind it would be stopped by an injunction.

"The only thing to do is to prepare one ordinance prescribing regulations for running the cars. The city has undoubtedly the right to do this and no complications could follow. That is the only course which I am willing to countenance."

am willing to countenance. Mr. Steber's argument was so well re-ceived that the motion asking for repeal of franchises was withdrawn. The chairman asked for volunteers to serve on the com-mittee to visit the Municipal Assembly, and Doctor Chambers, with his delegation, to-gether with all those who had expressed a preference for franchise repeal, immediately tendered their services.

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Those appointed, including most of the volunteers, were: A. M. Hariston, Thomas Hostetter, George W. Fuller, A. S. Keevil, H. A. Blickhahn, Charles Leonard, L. A. Steber, Doctor J. E. Chambers, H. A. Yonge, Charles Kuntze, C. W. Woffmann and H. P. Wyman.

BOER COMMANDANT VISITS ROOSEVELT.

Thanks President for Transmitting Money to His Wife-Will Ask Congress for Support.

Snyman, who was a member of General De Wet's staff in South Africa up to a year ago, and who, for some time has represented the Boer cause in the West, called upon President Roosevelt to-day. Corsmandant Snyman is a tall, fine-looking Boer, and talks English with a slightly broken accent.

"I called upon the President," said he, "to thank him for having sent to my wife, who is in South Africa, some money I desired her to have. I shall always feel grateful to President Roosevelt. I saw my wife's signature to-day for the first time In months."

"How did your wife get the money?"

Through the United States Consul at Cape Town, and her answer to my letter was returned through the same channel." Commandant Snyman did not talk with the President about the war in South Africa. He did not consider it a proper subject to discuss with the President of the Unihim for getting the money to hiz wife.
"The Boers," said he, "can see easily that the President can do nothing to stop the war, even if he were so disposed. But we will appeal to Congress for an expression of opinion. We hope that both political parties in this country will unite in such an expression. We do not want the matter made a party question or to embarrass the United States in any way. I believe that the English people will welcome an interference sufficient to cause the authorities

SOME GERMS AFRAID OF WATER.

Scientist Declares They Will Com-· mit Suicide to Escape It.

to drop the war. We are willing to make

Chicago, Jan. 2.-According to bacteriologists of the American Society of Naturalists, some kinds of germs have such an antipathy for water that they actually commit suicide to escape the fluid.

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At to-day's meeting of the society it was proclaimed as an established fact that water is in itself an agent deadly to many kinds of germs, and that milk also has destructive attributes within itself.

The information was brought out by Professor H. L. Russell of the University of Wisconsin, who read a paper on "The Toxicity of Water Toward Certain Pathogenic Bacteria."

Professor Russell described the results of experiments which proved to his satisfaction that toward some forms of germ life water acts as a poison.

WEST ENDERS OPPOSE IOWA TAKES FIRST PLACE IN DICTATING GOVERNMENT.

When Shaw Becomes Secretary of the Treasury the Influence of the Hawkeye State in the Affairs of the Nation Will Be More Pow erful Than Was That of Maine When Reed, Frye, Hall. Dingley, Boutelle and Milliken Held the Reins.

TEN IMPORTANT FEDERAL OFFICES WILL BE HELD BY IOWANS.

Washington, Jan. 2 - When Governor Leshe M. Shaw of lows becomes Secretary of the Treasury the Hawkere State will occupy a position in the affairs of the national Government that will be almost unexampled, lowa's influence will be more varied and far-scaching than that of Maine, when Blaine was Secretary of State, Reed was Speaker of the House of Resresentatives and Frye and Hale in the Senate and Dingley, Boutelle and Millikin in the House were hairmen of important committees.

Here is a list of important places that owa will have when Mr. Snaw goes in: Secretary of the Treasury-Leslie M.

Secretary of Agriculture-James Wilson. Spenier of the House of Representatives David E. Henderson

Chairman of Senate Committee on Appropriations-William P. Allison, Chairman of Schate Committee citic Raffroads-J. P. Dolliver Chairman of House Committee on Interstate and Fereiga Commercs-William P

Hepburn. Chairman of House Committee on Milltary Affairs-John A. T. Hull. Chaitman of House Committee on Public Lands-John F. Lacey.

Chairman of House Committee on Expen ditures of the Treasury Department-Robert G. Cousine. Director of the Mint-George E. Roberts,

Of course, the very important men in this list are Shaw, Henderson, Wilson and Allison, "Iowa's Big Four," Each, in his way, will exert a tremendous influence on the Government,

IMPORTANCE OF THE PLACE TO WHICH SHAW SUCCEEDS.

As Secretary of the Treasury, Governor Shaw will hold the most responsible post-tion in the Government next to the President. He matages the national finances he prepares plans for the improvement of the revenue and the support of the nation's credit, he superintends the collection of the revenue, in its wide ramifications of the revenue, in its wide ramifications | Allison has repeatedly declined the position reaching through the customs and internal of Secretary of the Treasury. There is only

On his estimates the appropriations of I Congress are made and his influence with the tariff legislation is very great. He controls the construction of all public build-ings, the coinage and printing of money, the coast and geodetic survey, the life-say service that dots our sea coasts with stations, the lighthouse service, the revelating to navigation and steamboat inspection and the marite-hospital service.

There are under the Secretary of the

Treasury at this time 25.909 officeholders. rash word from him would throw Wall street in a panic and probaly convulse the finances of the world. A single act might prevent a panic and save the public credit No other Cabinet officer has so much power and no one is called on to use such good dgment and wise discrimination as he

is in time of public crises. The office of Secretary of Agriculture is generally regarded by the public as an Insignificant place. Those not familiar with It have come to look upon it as a sort of a fifth whilel to a wagon. Yet it has been taking place rapidly as a very influential position in the Government

GREAT POWER WIELDED BY OTHER IOWANS IN OFFICE.

There are under his twenty-three divi-sions, bureaus and experiment stations. The Weather Bureau, which reaches every corner of the United States and the islands of the sea, is under him. Scattered over the country he has 50,000 men who aid

him in gathering crop reports.
Since Thomas B, Reed of Maine showed the country how great a power the Speak-er of the House could be, that office has come to be regarded as the most commanding in the legislative branch of the Government. Speaker Henderson has held the influence that the Reed rules and the Reed methods give the presiding officer of the lower House. He appoints the committees and from his appointment there is no appeal. In framing the committees, he can and does intrench himself so as to be in-

vinelble, should any attack be made upon his policy from the floor. By proper handling of the men with whom he has allied himself the Speaker can say what measures shall or shall not be con-sidered; what measures shall or shall not pass. The President of the United States is the only man who exercises more power than the Speaker of the House in his own particular sphere of influence as presiding

Senator Allison occupies another position of power. He is chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. He is also one of four or five men who, when acting together. dictate the policy of the Senate. Senator one position in the Government of the United States for which he would exchange his place, and that is the presidency.

The position held by Representative Hep-burn as chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce is of particular importance this session because the committee will handle legislation relati stations, the lighthouse service, the reveling to an isthmian canal. This is the great-nue-cutter service, the administration relest measure that Congress will be called upon to handle, and, temporarily, Mr. Hep-burn might be joined to "lowa's Big Four" and make it Iowa's "Big Five."

FINES MOTORMAN FOR HE WAS ORDERED USING CONTROLLER.

Judge Clark Raises Police Court Conductor's Admission in Police Judgment Against Robert Springer From \$25 to \$500.

Robert P. Springer, a motorman on the Beliefontaine line of the St. Louis Transit Company, was fined \$500 in the Court of Criminal Correction yesterday marning on the charge of beating Casper Ickenrath, a passenger on his car, with the "controller on November II.

The case came to the Court of Criminal Correction on appeal from the Dayton Street Police Court, where Springer was fined \$25 on the charge of disturbing the peace. In passing judgment yesterday, Judge Clark said Springer should have been prosecuted for assault to kill. Springer was not in court to defend himself, and the case was tried by default.

ickenroth, who lives at No. 1514 North Sixteenth street, was on the car with sev-eral women. He said he desired to get off at Eleventh and Mullamphy streets and rang the bell. He said the conductor, John Meserve, paid no attention, and they went speeding by. Ickenroth said he then pulled the bell cord to signal the motorman. While he was leaving the car at Eleventh and Howard streets he said the conductor and Howard streets he said the conductor rebuked him for pulling the bell and ended the argument by kicking him. In the midst of the fray, he said, Motorman Spring reame running up and struck him on the head with the "controller."

Several witnerses corroborated lekenroth's statement, lekenroth is counter-charged with assault and battery. The case will be called in the Court of Criminal Correction to-day. Since the assault occurred Conductor Meserve died from pneumonia.

BADLY HURT IN A COLLISION. Thomas Wiseman Knocked From

Wagon by Car-Other Accidents. Thomas Wiseman, an expressman, 45 years old, living at No. 3004 Cass avenue,

was seriously injured last night in a collision between his wagon and an Office street car at the intersection of Page and Hodia-

car at the intersection of Page and Hodiament avenues.

Wiskinan and John Coleman, his helper, were driving a large wagon full of baggage and express north in Hodiamont avenue in the street car tracks when they heard the gong of a northbound car. They turned out of the way immediately in root of a rapidly approaching searthbound car in charge of Motorman Richard Harlan. He tried to stop the car, but it was useless. The wagon was demolished and the baggage thrown in every direction.

Wiseman was pitched into the street and rendered unconscious. Coleman jumped and escaped injury. Wiseman was carried on the car to the sheds at Delmar and Desagnative a venue, where he was attended by Doctor Grim, a physician for the Transit Company. He found that Wiseman had sustained a severe scalp wound over the right eye and fractures of three ribs on the right side. He was afterwards removed to St. Judn's Hospital. The wayon and contents to the transit of the East way time. He said that of the \$90,000,000 capitalization of the Transit Company all but \$15,000,000 kes feltious. The remaining \$75,000,000 he said, represented, if

side. He was afterwards removed to St.
John's Hospital. The wagon and contents
were damaged about \$55. The horses were
severely injured.
A northbound Cherokee car ran into a one-

lick of No. 1419 North Ninth street, at California avenue and Crittenden street, last night. The wagon was weeked and Hellick painfully bruised. Doctor Thorer of No. 288 California average attended him and sent him home. The horses were skinned badly and the wagon damaged seout \$125.

John Roskel of No. 137 Collins street was knocked down by a Broadway car at the intersection of Dickson street early yesterday morning. His right leg was painfully lacerated between the knee and the ankle. The injury was dressed at the City Dispensary and pronounced not serious.

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A northbound Broadway car ran into a wagon loaded with scrap iron, driven by John Duncan, a negro, living at No. 1024 Blidle street, at Broadway and Lynch street. Duncan was caught in the wreck of the wagon and severely bruised.

C. G. Moon, J. A. Holland and George Williams, all of No. 12 South Sixth street, were thrown from a wagon in which they Williams, all of No. 123 South Sixth street, were thrown from a wagon in which they were riding in a collision with a Market street car at the intersection of Mineteenth street. Holland received a cut about two inches long on top of the head. The wound is not considered serious.

While Herman Friese, a liquor salesman, living at No. 340 South Jefferson avenue, was driving in South Broadway, near Dakota street, he was run into by a Broadway car. He was thrown on his back and painfully injured.

TO CARRY A "BILLY."

Court Case-Two Defendants Were Discharged.

Frank Hastings, conductor on the Broadway division of the St. Louis Transit Com-Louis Police Court yesterday in a disturbance of the peace case, which grew our of a fight on his car last Wednesday nigh in which he was badly beaten, testified he was armed with a "billy," which he had been directed to purchase by Superintendent Schloss, in charge of the Broad-

way carsheds. The defendants, William Rickert, No. 2215 South Seventh street; Edward Kilpe, No. 6701 South Broadway, and J. Webb, No. 8301 Water street, were discharged because the testimony was conflicting as to whether they took part in the disturbance, which occurred at Broadway and President

Hastings said there were a number of passengers on the car, and that he asked a man to move up, when the man struck him, and that several others began beating

him, and that several others began beating him. He rang for the motorman and drew his "billy," he said.

Assistant City Attorney Albert Burgess asked Hastings if he carried a weapon and by whose orders. Hastings said Superin-tendent Schloss directed him to buy a billy, and that he did so. He said he did not know whether other employes received sim-ilar orders. liar orders.

Edward Martin, the motorman, said when
the conductor rang the bell he took his con-

Edward Martin, the motorman, said when the conductor rang the bell he took his con-troller and went to the aid of Hastings. He found the latter jammed against a window and a man beating him. Martin said two men sprang upon him and prevented him from assisting Hastings. He was beaten up and pushed out of the car. car.

The fight caused a panic in the car, and several women passencers were badly several women passencers were frightened.

SOUTH SIDERS ARE INDIGNANT. Favor Immediate Forfeiture of Transit Company's Franchises.

Owen Miller said there was but one cure for present conditions, and that was to lop off every privilege granted the Transit Company under the provision of the Charter that every franchise may be declared forfeited at any time. He said that of the \$50,000,000 capitalization of the Transit Company all but \$15,000,000 was fictitious. The remaining \$75,000,000, he said, represented, if anything, only franchise valuations and belonged to the people whose presence in the community made the investment in street cars and railway equipment a paying investment.

vestment.

S. L. Moser spoke at length on the legal phase of the case, arguing that even in declaring the franchises forfeited and so wiping out the value of the bonds on the roads, no legal injustice would be done the investors in these bonds, who are supposed to know the law and to have made the investment conscious of this rick. Other sneakers were Edward Horton and J. M. Ingalls.

MISS COCKRELL ENTERTAINS. Miss Lee of St. Louis Among the

Guests of Honor. EFFUILIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 2.-Among the senatorial hostesses at home to-day was Miss Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell, who received in honor of Mrs. John R. Walker of Kansas City, Miss Lee of St. Louis and Miss Houx of Warrensburg, Mo. Mrs. Walker is an aunt of Miss Cockrell

THROUGH CARS WILL RUN TO CLAYTON.

Thirty-Minute Schedule Over Olive Street Line Begins To-Day -Other Changes.

Two cars an hour will be added to the number that start west from Fourth and Olive streets beginning this morning, by the establishment of a through service to Clayton over the Transit Company's lines. Four cars will be used in maintaining a 30-minute schedule between the city and Clayton. These cars will not run over the Maryland avenue route, but at Boyle av- | Seventy-Five Building Inspectors enue will continue west on Oliva street, turning into the McPherson avenue route to Forsyth Junction, where the cars will be switched to the Clayton line. The running time from Fourth street to Clayton will be forty minutes.

The new plan, it is stated, will save at

least ten minutes in the time required for the trip, and, in addition, removes the necessity for a transfer at Forsyth Junction as has been the custom heretofere.

Through cars were run over this route for several weeks last fall, but they were abandoned. The re-establishment of the schedule, it is asserted, by the Transit Company is in response to the demand on the part of the public for an improved service. Other changes in the interest of better service, it is stated, are now in contempla tion for several lines where complaints have been most frequent.

BILL FOR SPECIAL COUNSELOR. Provides That He Shall Look After

Street Railway Legislation. Speaker Kelly has prepared a bill pro-

viding for the appointment by the Mayor of a special counselor, whose duty it shall be to attend to all legislation affecting street railway lines and to assist in prosestreet railway lines and to assist in prose-cuting street railway cases in which the city may be interested.

Mr. Kelly's bill probably will be intro-duced in the House of Is-legates this even-ing, as a companion to Mayor Wells's spe-cial message concerning the street railway service. The bill will provide for an appro-priation of \$10.00 for salaries and all ex-penses of the new special official. The counselor shall be engaged for at least one year.

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The counselor shall be appointed by the Mayor. He will collect and study all existing ordinances and advise the Mayor and Municipal Assembly whether the laws are being obeyed. He shall also suggest amendments and new laws looking toward improvements and changes for affording better accommedations to the public.

Rumors are persistent that attempts at reorganization of the House are being continued. It is certain that several Delegates have been approached.

PROJECT NEW STREET RAILWAY

Municipal Railroad Company Hopes to Lay Tracks in St. Louis.

The Municipal Railroad Company, which was incorported December 23 for the purpose of entering into competition with the Transit and Suburban roads of St. Louis, mailed yesterday 10,000 circulars to residents of the streets along which it proposes to lay its

streets along which it proposes the streets. As contemplated, the new road will run north and seath on King's highway, crossing the railroad tracks, run a branch west to the World's Fair site, and get downtown either over its own tracks or on a leased line from the Transit Company. Stock will be offered at \$19 a share. A \$1-3 cent fare is proposed.

'MAX O'RELL" OPERATED UPON.

French Author and Lecturer Under Surgeon's Knife. New York, Jan. 2.-Paul Blouet ("Max

underwent a successful operation for appendicitis in this city to-day CITY NOTES.

O'Rell"), the French author and lecturer,

WANTED IN CHICAGO - Maggie Thomas, alias Jessie Wilson, was arrested at Eighth and Pine streets last night by Detectives Shevlin and Williams at the re-quest of the Chicago, Ill., authorities, who have a bench warrant against her, charging grand largeny.

NEGRESS ATTEMPTS STICIDE-LIBBE Smith, 32 years old, a negress, of No. 204 Center street, swallowed carbolic acid last night at her home because of a quarrel with her husband. She was taken to the City Hospital, where her condition is thought serious.

DOCTOR ELDER DISCHARGED-Doc bottor Elder of No. 2503 North Twentieth street, who was arrested December 25 on the charge of interfering with Sergeant Herman Meyers of the Central Police District, was discharged in the First District Police Court yesterday morning. Doctor Elder had some trouble in passing the Sergeant on the rear platform of a Broadway car at the intersection of Chestnut street the day after Christmas and the Sergeant arrested him. arrested him.

MORE BIRTHS THAN DEATHS-OMcial records of the Health Department show that there were 842 more births than deaths last year. There were 11.444 births and 19,

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY MEETING— Both branches of the Municipal Assembly will resume regular sessions to-day, Mayor Wells's special message concerning the street railway service will be read in both

WOMEN MADE HIM PRISONER.

David Kraft Turned Over to Police by Mother and Sister. David Kraft, 24 years eld, of No. 422 South Spring street, Believille, yesterday raised a disturbance at his home, and as a result his mother, Mrs. C. C. Allen, and his sister, Mrs. Alice Atterbury, overpow-ered him and for almost half an hour pin-loned him to the street in front of their Several times when he had almost over-

powered the women outsiders came to their powered the women outsiders came to their assistance.

The police took charge of the young man and lodged him in the police station with a charge of disturbing the peace. His mother and sister say they will prosecute him.

Making Pouliry Ready for Market.

Written for The Republic.

So far as can be done all fowls should be sent to market in plump, fat condition. To insure this it is always best to pen up and feed them all that they will eat of a good, fattening ration for about two weeks.

It is best to feed five times a day, and if the food is sait it will be easier digested and the fowls will fatten faster.

When the weather will atmit, if the fowls are in good condition, it will nearly always pay to send the poultry to market dressed, as the consumer can thus more readily ascertain their quality.

If the teathers can be removed immediately after killing, while the body is still warm, dry picking is best, as the fowls will present a better appearance than if scalded. In all cases all reasonable care should be taken to have them as neat as possible, for the appearance of the fowls is an important item in selling to the best advantage.

After picking and drawing the skin should be drawn ever the neck and tied, the legs should be ided together, or, still better, put through the slit made in drawing, and the careass hung up to cool.

The animal heat should all be cooled out before packing. Considerable loss is often caused by failure to cool properly before packing. Making Poultry Ready for Market.

Written for The Republic

The following is in reply to E. E. B. of Burr Oak, Mo. . wisconsin, who read 2 paper on The sociation of Kanesa to transact the business of fraternal insurance in Nebraska. The headquarters of the association are at Topeka, Kas, and C. Spinney is the act and the president. In his letter to Mr. Spinney is the act and the ward some forms of germ life at the officers of the National Aid Association are at the was arrested at Eighth and Olives sociation and Bankers' Union of the World; that the officers of the National Aid have resigned, and the officers of the National Aid have resigned, and the officers of the National Aid have resigned, and the officers of the National Aid have resigned, and officers of the Said to be wanted on the attendance without authority, to fill the vacancies. He concludes with the statement that the association is without legal organization to revoke of the national Aid association is without legal organization to revoke of the national Aid attention to the constitution of the world; that the officers of the National Aid have resigned, and the officers of the National Aid have resigned, and the officers of the National Aid have resigned, and the officers of the National Aid have resigned and successful the said to be wanted on the charge of assault. He escaped from the secolation are at the sociation are at the process of the National Aid have resigned, and the process of the National Aid have resigned, and the process of the National Aid have resigned, and the process of the National Aid have resigned and the officers of the National Aid have resigned, and the process of the National Aid have resigned and the process of the National Aid have resigned and the officers of the National Aid have resigned and the officers of the National Aid have resigned and the officers of the National Aid have resigned and the process of the National Aid have resigned and the process of the National Aid have resigned and the officers of the National Aid have resigned and the process of the National Aid have resigned and the process of the National Aid have resi 1. "I have an orchard which has not been

WHOLESALE CUTTING OFF OF SALARIES.

New Officials in Greater New York Expect to Save Millions Annually.

TAMMANY'S MEN DISCHARGED.

First to Feel Official Ax-Titus Invokes Roose-

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Jan. 2.-Mayor Low and Controller Grout, at a conference held in the Mayor's office this evening, decided upon a tentative plan for the reduction of the expenses of the city government by exercising economies, especially in regard to salaries. which will entail a saving of from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 a year. This plan will be considered at the first meeting of the Board of Estimate, which has been called for next Monday afternoon. Plan for Economy.

In pursuance of the plan for economy, Mr. Grout to-day sent to all heads of departments requests for copies of their pay rolls, indicating what salaries could be cut and what employes could be spared without injury to the public service. With these reports as a basis, it was said, the new Board of Estimate will be able to effect a reduction in the budget of 1992 of at least \$3,000. 600, and possibly double that amount.

First to respond to the cry for economy was the building bureau of the Borough of Manhattan, whose head, Perez M. Stewart, summarily dismissed seventy-five employes of the former building department and transferred thirty-one more to the tenement house commission or to the building bureau in the Borough of Bronx. The total saving by these dismissals is about \$100,000 a year. The reason for this wholesale decapitation of employes was the fact that inspectors were so numerous about the place as to be in each other's way. Scores of men who were placed on the rolls at the behest of Tammany district leaders, and who did little, if any, work for the salaries they received, were dropped without regard to their ability or their political backing, and broad hint was given that other removals would follow

The heads of all the bureaus under Borough President Cantor have been directed to exercise the most rigid economy, and to curtail whenever possible the number of calaries.

It was said to-day that a herizontal reducion would be made in all departments so as to give the administration a larger margin for prosecuting needed public improvements.

Pleads to Roosevelt for Help.

Captain George Titus has made a direct appeal to President Roosevelt to interfere in his behalf, that he may retain his present position as Chief of the Detective Bureau. Although no promise was obtained. Captain Titus is confident his appeal will be successful. To his closer personal friends he has said the President's influence is so strong with the new administration that he no longer fears he will be transferred to the command of a precinct.

President Roosevelt, when Police Commisdoner, promoted Titus from the rank of Sergeant to that of Captain.

Jerome Is Sworn In. William Travers Jerome became District Attorney this morning, taking his oath of office before Judge Leventritt of the Su-Court. Mr. Jerome then wa to the Criminal Courts building and began work with characteristic energy.
"I did not make any address to the mem-

bers of my staff, as I think we understand Simultaneously with Mr. Jerome's induction into office the headquarters of the Com-mittee of Fifteen were closed. The committee has decided that there is no further reason to maintain expensive offices, as the objects for which the committee was formed are presumably to be carried out

Unc' Israel on the Hymns. Dey th'owin' out de good ol' hymns we singin' all dis while, Bercause dey somehow ain' de kin' dat suit de white folks' style; Dey say de hymns ain' written right-but I cain' onderstan'

I cain' onderstan'
Des why dey ain' good mahchin' tunes ter
reach de promis' lan';
En so I gwine go forruds wif er h'aht dat
glad en free—
I des er shoutin' "Glory!" en dat good
ernough fer me. De white man's eddication en his 'ligion

De white man's eddication en his 'ligion done conflic'—
He sayin' dem "Ten Thousan' Tongues" 'gainst his errithmette.
He claimin' dat his joggerfy doan' show no Beulah lan'.
En countin' miles fum Greenlan's ice ter Inj's coral stran'.
Bress Gawd! I got no luhnin', en so no Bress Gawd! I got no man.

fault I see—
fault I see—
I des er shoutin' "Glory!" en dat good
ernough for me.

Dev ciaim de gospel soldiers-dev hadn't ought ter fou't-But in de amen co'ner we sho' knows when ter shout. I singin' all de ol' songs, en prizin' up mah hope; I callin' on Br'er Michael ter han' me down

dat rope! I doan' kyah ef mah singin' en science doan ergree-I des er shoutin' "Glory!" en dat good ernough for me.

Baltimore American.

It Depended on the Editor. The troubles of the literary man are sel-dom better exemplified than in the case of the seedy-looking poet who wandered into an English newspaper office, venturing to hope that the editor would accept his of-

hope that the editor would accept his offering.

"Give me your address," said the editor.

"That, sir," was the frank reply, "depends
entirely on yourself."

"On myself?" said the astonished editor.

"How so?"

"Well, you see," went on the unabashed
poet, "it's this way. If you take the poem
my address will remain No. 77 King street;
if you d n't take it, I shall have no address,
My iandludy is a woman of her word."—

"Beg pardon," said the long-haired visitor, "but is there a literary club around here anywhere?"
"Yes," replied the editor, significantly, as he reached under his desk. "Are you a literary man?"—Catholic Standard.

landludy is a woman of her word."

Youth's Companion.

The Best Authority. Thy say that worldly goods and gauds Are all that's "worth the while". They say romance is out of date, And love is out of style; They say a bright tiara's gems Will solace any throe; But Philip, blue-eyed, Philip, He does not tell me so,

They say that one should only think
Of lofty birth and place;
They say it makes one thrill with pride
To set the social pace;
They say a cottage on the green
Must be forlorn and slow;
But Philip, ardent Philip,
He does not tell me so He does not tell me so, I let them prate of pride and pelf; I care not what they say.
O heart of mine! to-morrow's sun
Shall light our wedding day. Within our cottage, Love, content, Shall ever bide, I know; For Philip, dearest Philip.

He says it shall be so.

For Philip,

-Century. Whosoever loveth his temper shall lose t.—Milwaukee Sentinel,

BOY SECURES BRIDE UNDER DIFFICULTY.

One Marriage License Destroyed, He Gets Another and Is Wed.

THEN COMES MOTHER'S WRATH.

Couple Pursued Through Street by Angry Parent Take Refuge in Store.

After procuring one marriage license and having it taken away from him by hi brother and sister, Christopher J. Dall, at: employe of the Ely-Walker Dry Goods Company, and who lives at No. 6790 Minne sota avenue, in his desperation to get mar ried took his intended bride, Miss Mayne Lance of Cape Girardeau, Mo., to East St. Louis yesteriay afternoon and there se-cured second papers and had the cere-mony successfully performed by a Justice

of the Peace, despite all objections.

But with their triamph over objecting parents there was trouble in store for them, and it began as soon as the young couple put foot on Miscourt soil again. The nother of the young man was waiting for them at the Laos Bridge, and when they alighted from the street car there was a greeting that the young people and probably not expected Mrs. pull upbraided them for their discharges of all

had not lessered her thrade.

Take Refuge in a Store.

At the jewelry store of S. Van Raalte, No. 413 North Sixth street, the elopers took refuge, and after they were safely in the proprietor succeeded in preventing the mother and the crowd that was closely following her from entering. The young people were slipped out through a rear door of the store, and the mother, after thring of her efforts, left the scene. No arrests were made.

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Mrs. Dail, Sr., was hysterical when visited by a Republic reporter at her home last night. She declared that her son was less than 19 years old, while his wife was nearly five years his senior. She wept constantly while relating the elopement of her boy, and said that she would rather he were dead than married.

"That woman just book my poor boy away from me, 'she said, referring to the new Mrs. Dail. "Miss Lance told him she was rich. I wouldn't care if she had milliots; I would still oppose their marriage. They kept company about two years ago, and about a year ago Miss Lance wrote to Chris, telling him that she was too much older than he to marry him, and new she says she is only 20. They are both Catholics, but they were married by a Justice. I suppose they thought they would have the church ceremony performed later, but it will not take place in my house."

The yeung man's father, though greatly displeased over the elopement, accepted the situation more philosophically than his wife, and said he would do nothing to bring about a separation.

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A Careful Wife. "Professor Blank of Harvard College," said a New York newspaper man who has come West to get a little fresh air, "is the most absent-minded and careless man I know of, and I know pretty well, because he is a near kinsman of mine. On the other hand, his wife is about as careful as he

"She is particularly watchful of his health, as he has rather weak lungs and the New England climate isn't always as balmy as it might be. She makes a special-ty of his underwear, having one weight-not the very lightest-for summer seme-

ounces. "There, she said triumphantly, 'you profess to know something about physics and figures, do you want any better proof than that that I know what I am talking shout?"

asked his wife how she was getting along with him in the underwear line, and she with him in the underwear line, and she laughed.

"Til show you," she said, and going out came back with three garments of different colors. This, she explained, laying out one of a pale green, is for summer; this, laying out a brown, is for autumn, and this, holding up a white, is for winter. He isn't color bilind, even if he is somewhat obtuse on the subject of weight, and I have trained him now so that he can dress himself properly without me watching him.

"It was a pretty good idea, wasn't it? And I don't suppose anybedy else but a woman would have ever thought of it."—Detroit Free Press.

An Idyl. THE PHILADELPHIA GIRL.
She came from the city of Brotherly Love.
She was fair as a lily and sweet as a dove;
The bloom on her cheek was as fresh as the

her nose— A defect not so very peculiar at that, For I've known of some men who have talked through their hat.

As I did, when, venting my tender emotion, I asked for her hand—you may judge my commotion

THE NEW YORK GIRL She came and she conquered, she captured us all,
We could not resist her; we were all in her thrali, And I most of all, for I laid at her feet All the fortune I'd made by good luck on And asked her to share it, and with it my heart. She tossed her sweet head with her infinite "I an

THE BOSTON GIRL

And all this she knew, though still in her teens; She refused me, of course, for I didn't know THE CHICAGO GIRL. From the wild, weedy West came the last of my fancy.

Not the Uniest bit of a prude or Miss Nancy. Not one of the products of Eastern effets-

ness, But not the less charming in all her fresh sweetness. And she said, when I asked, "Will you have me, my sweet?"
"You can bet your sweet life, I am yours with buth feet."

ably not expected. Mrs. Dail upbraided them for their disobsolence in the presence of all the hystanders, and when the two attempted to escape her she followed them through the street with menacing gestures and threatering language at every step.

The crowd of curious speciators grew larger as the trio proceeded, and by the time they had reached Sixth street and Washington avenue the basieged pair began to look about for some way out of their embarrassment. They turned quickly into Sixth street, but the frate mother of the young man was still closely pursuing, and had not lessered her thrade.

Take Refuge in a Store.

ty of his underwear, having one weightnot the very lightest-for summer, semething somewhat heavier for fall and something still heavier for winter.

"It's all the same with the professor,
though he might know the difference if he
happened to get his heaviest on during a
hot spell in August.

"She has a time with him about the season for making a change, and it requires
all her care and coaxing and coercion to
get him into the right thing.

"One day, several years ago, she caught
him in the act of donning the mediumweight stuff, and there was snow on the
ground. She insisted on his taking the
heavier and he protested that it was winter weight he was putting on.

"He persisted in getting into the medium
weight despite her protests, when she hurried out of the room and came back in a
minute with the kitchen scales.

"Grabbing up the heavier garment she
wanted him to put on, she weighed it, the
figures showing seventeen ounces; then she
snatched the lighter garment out of his
hand and weighed that. It showed nine
ounces.

"There," she said triumphantly, 'you

"Not being a perversely stubborn man, and being a good-natured one, he smiled blandly and put on the garment she had ordered.

"The last time I visited at his house, I have she was getting along

And her only defect was she talked through

commotion
When she gently informed me my claims
were N. G..
And the reason for this? Well, between
you and me
This is quite confidential and on the
Q T.
The reason was this: I'd no family tree. The reason was this: I'd no family tree

art-m sc much obliged," replied this sweet girl,
"But I'm waiting for papa to buy me an
Earl."

Oh, she was the fairest of Beacon street's Oh, she was the fairest of Beacon street's
flowers.

She would con mathematical problems by
hours,
She was culchawed right up to the very top
notch;
Knew by heart all the poets, German, English and Scotch;
You might ply her with questions, she never
was stuck;
Spoke Hebrew and Sanskrit, and even Volapuk,